

Supplemental Material

Genotoxic Effects in Swimmers Exposed to Disinfection By-products in Indoor Swimming Pools

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Comet analysis in peripheral blood lymphocytes. The comet assay was performed as described previously (Singh et al. 1988) with minor modifications. Blood samples were collected in vacutainers with EDTA. Samples were kept chilled, and the length of time between blood collection and sample processing was a few hours (Anderson et al 1997). A drop (7 μ L) of whole blood was resuspended in 75 μ L of 0.5% low-melting-point agarose, layered onto microscope slides pre-coated with 150 μ L of 0.5% normal-melting-point agarose (dried at 65°C), covered with a coverslip, and kept at 4°C until solidified. Then the coverslips were removed, and the cells were lysed overnight at 4°C in a dark chamber containing fresh, cold lysing solution (2.5-M NaCl, 100-mM Na₂EDTA, 10-mM Tris, 10% DMSO, 1% Triton X-100, and 1% laurosylsarcosinate, pH 10). To allow DNA denaturation, unwinding, and exposure of alkali-labile sites, slides were placed for 20 min in a horizontal gel electrophoresis tank filled with fresh, cold electrophoresis solution (1-mM Na₂EDTA and 300-mM NaOH, pH 13.5). Electrophoresis was performed in the same buffer for 20 min at 0.73 V/cm and 300 mA. Unwinding and electrophoresis steps were done in an ice bath.

After electrophoresis, slides were neutralized with 2, 5-min washes with 0.4-mM Tris (pH 7.5), fixed with absolute ethanol for 3 min, and stored in the dark at room temperature until scoring. Just before microscopic analysis, slides were stained with 60 μ L of ethidium bromide (0.4 μ g/mL). The images were examined at 400X magnification with a Komet 5.5 Image Analysis (Kinetic Imaging Ltd, Liverpool, UK) fitted with a Olympus BX50 fluorescent microscope equipped with a 480-550-nm wide band excitation filter and a 590-nm barrier filter. One hundred cells selected randomly (50 cells from each of the two replicate slides) were analyzed per sample. Olive tail moment (OTM) and percentage of DNA in the tail were used as measures of DNA damage and computed using Komet Version 5.5 software.

MN analysis in peripheral blood lymphocytes. Blood was obtained from each subject by venipuncture using heparinized vacutainers and sent immediately to the laboratory for the lymphocyte cultures. Lymphocyte cultures were set up by adding 0.5 mL of whole blood to 4.5 mL of RPMI 1640 medium supplemented with 15% heat-inactivated fetal calf serum, 50 U/mL penicillin, 50 µg/mL streptomycin, and 2-mM L-glutamine (all provided by PAA Laboratories GmbH, Pasching, Austria). Lymphocytes were stimulated by addition of 1% phytohaemagglutinin (Gibco, Life Technologies, Paisley, UK) and incubated for 72 h at 37°C. Two replicate cultures were prepared for each blood sample. Cytochalasin B (Cyt-B) (Sigma, St Louis, MO) at a final concentration of 6 µg/mL (Surrallés et al. 1994) was added to the cultures after a 44-h incubation to arrest cytokinesis. At 72 h of incubation, the cultures were harvested by centrifugation at 800 rpm for 8 min. Next, in order to eliminate red blood cells and to preserve cytoplasm, the cell pellet was treated with a hypotonic solution (7 min in 0.075-M KCl at 4°C). Cells were then centrifuged, and a methanol/acetic acid (3:1 v/v) solution was added gently. This fixation step was repeated twice, and the resulting cells were re-suspended in a small volume of fixative solution and dropped onto clean slides. Finally, they were stained with 10% Giemsa (Merck, Darmstadt, Germany) in phosphate buffer, pH 6.8, for 7 min.

To determine the frequency of binucleated cells with micronuclei (BNMN) and the total number of micronuclei, a total of 1000 binucleated cells with well-preserved cytoplasm (500 per replicate) were scored for each subject. In addition, 500 lymphocytes were scored to evaluate the percentage of cells with one to four nuclei, and the cytokinesis block proliferation index (CBPI) was calculated (Surrallés et al. 1995). Microscopic scoring was performed on coded slides.

MN analysis in urothelial cells. Urine samples were collected before swimming and again 2 weeks later in plastic vials (~50 mL) and sent to the laboratory where they were processed the same day. Two weeks was selected because this amount of time is required for exfoliation of cells from the urothelium (Espinoza et al. 2008). Cell samples were concentrated by centrifugation (10 min at 1500 rpm), the supernatant was discarded, and cells were washed in a NaCl solution (0.9%). Cells were centrifuged again and re-suspended in a new NaCl solution (0.09%). After another centrifugation, cells were fixed in 5 mL of a fresh fixative solution (methanol/acetic acid, 3:1), added drop by drop. After 1-2 washings with the fixative solution, the pellet was re-suspended in 1 mL of fixative solution and dropped onto pre-cleaned microscope slides. Cell density was confirmed by using a phase-contrast microscope (400 x) and adjusted by adding fixative solution. Slides were air dried overnight and stored at 4°C in the dark until staining. Cells were stained with the DNA-specific stain 4',6-diamino-2-phenylindole dihydrochloride (DAPI) at 1 µg/mL, which avoids possible scoring artifacts. One scorer using an Olympus BX50 fluorescence microscope (1000 x) scored a total of 2000 cells/donor, wherever possible, on coded slides.

The criteria for MN evaluation were those suggested by Stick et al. (1983) as updated by subsequent guidelines by Fenech et al (2003). The frequency of cells with MN and the total number of MN were determined for each analyzed subject. Only those cells with a typical morphology corresponding to the urothelial cells were scored. This criterion avoids any kind of bias, especially in women where many squamous cells not of urothelial origin are observed. Although bacteria were present in a few urine samples, they did not interfere with the scoring.

Urine mutagenicity. Urine samples (30 mL) were collected prior to and 90 to 120 min after exposure and were evaluated for mutagenicity in the *Salmonella* (Ames)

mutagenicity plate-incorporation assay (Maron and Ames 1983) in strain YG1024 with S9 mix. YG1024 is a frameshift strain derived from TA98 (*hisD3052*, Δ *uvrB*, *rfa*, pKM101) that contains acetyltransferase activity (Watanabe et al. 1990); it has been used extensively for urinary mutagenicity studies (Cerná and Pastorková 2002). Only one strain was used because of the limited availability of sample.

To extract urinary organics, 25 ml of urine was passed through C18 resin, and the organics were eluted by methanol and then solvent exchanged into dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) at 150x for bioassay as described (DeMarini et al. 1997). Extracts were evaluated once in single plates per dose at 0.3, 0.6, 1.2, 3, 6, and 12 mL-equivalents per plate. Controls consisted of DMSO (100 μ l per plate), C18 resin blanks prepared by passing 40 mL of distilled deionized water instead of urine through the columns (15 mL equivalent per plate), and 2-acetylaminofluorene at 1 μ g per plate (positive control). Control values (revertants per plate) were 9–14 (DMSO), 5–10 (resin blanks), and 377–595 (2-acetylaminofluorene). The mutagenic potencies of samples, expressed as revertants (rev) per mL-equivalent, were calculated from the slope of the regression over the linear portion of the dose-response curves. Slopes were calculated for only 43 subjects with samples from before and after swimming that were sufficient for analyses of mutagenicity at ≥ 3 different concentrations

Gene selection and genotyping. Blood was collected in EDTA tubes and stored in the same tube at -80°C for DNA extraction. DNA was extracted using the Chemagic Magnetic Separator Technology (Chemagen) at the Spanish National Genotyping Centre (CEGEN) and quantified using PicoGreen dsDNA fluorescent detection system (PicoGreen, Molecular Probes). We examined genetic variants, including single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs), and copy-number variants (CNVs) in three genes involved in the metabolism of DBPs (*GSTT1*, *CYP2E1*, and *GSTZ1*), four additional

genes that may play a minor role in the metabolism of DBPs (*GSTT2B*, *GSTM1*, *CYP1A2* and *CYP2D6*), and four DNA repair genes that could be relevant when examining results, particularly for the comet assay (*APEX1*, *ERCC2*, *OGG1*, *XRCC1*). We selected tagSNPs combined with functional variants most likely to influence gene expression or function. In total, three CNVs and 17 SNPs were genotyped. For a complete list, see Supplemental Material, Tables 1-4.

SNP genotyping was performed at the Santiago de Compostela node of the “Centro Nacional de Genotipado” (CEGEN) in Spain (<http://www.cegen.org>) using the Sequenom® platform. Individuals with low genotyping frequency (<75%) or non-Caucasians were excluded from the genetic analyses ($n = 4$). Genotyping failed for the following SNPs: rs11101815 and rs915908 in *CYP2E1*, rs1799793 in *ERCC2*, and rs28903081 in the *XRCC3* gene. The remaining 13 SNPs had a call frequency >90%. Genotyping quality was controlled by using positive controls consisting of one HapMap reference trio. CNVs for *GSTT1*, *GSTT2B*, and *GSTM1* were genotyped as described previously with minor modifications (Buchard et al. 2007; Zhao et al. 2009). Briefly, the genotyping consisted of multiplex PCR amplifications, where deleted and non-deleted alleles gave different fragment sizes that were resolved in agarose gels. The CNV call frequency was >90%. Genotyping was repeated for selected samples and gave consistent genotypes.

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Supplemental Material, Table 1. Interaction between the effect of exposure to bromoform on micronuclei in peripheral blood lymphocytes in relation to polymorphisms in genes associated with metabolism of DBPs or with DNA repair

Gene	Genotypes	Number Subjects	Beta-coefficient	95%CI		<i>p</i> -value for each genotype ^a	<i>p</i> -value interaction ^a
<i>GSTT1</i>	-/-	16	7.773	1.90	13.65	0.014	0.367
	-/+, +/+	30	3.389	-1.55	8.33	0.170	
<i>GSTT2B</i>	-/-, -/+	35	1.595	-2.32	5.51	0.412	0.016
	+/+	11	9.608	-0.11	19.33	0.052	
<i>GSTM1</i>	-/-	22	5.401	-0.67	11.47	0.078	0.892
	-/+, +/+	24	5.075	-0.94	11.09	0.094	
<i>CYP2E1</i>	TT	27	4.349	-0.41	0.91	0.071	0.447
rs2070673	AT_AA	16	-0.027	-7.52	7.46	0.994	
<i>CYP2E1</i>	TT	28	6.652	2.24	11.06	0.005	0.143
rs915906	CT/CC	14	-5.910	-14.11	2.29	0.139	
<i>CYP2E1</i>	CC	30	3.676	-1.78	9.13	0.178	0.655
rs915907	CA_AA	14	6.554	-1.98	15.09	0.118	
<i>CYP2E1</i>	CC	35	5.758	1.66	9.85	0.007	0.907
rs2515641	CT	9	-0.363	-14.07	13.34	0.948	
<i>CYP2E1</i>	CC	25	4.215	-0.81	9.24	0.096	0.381
rs2249695	CT_TT	19	7.448	1.09	13.80	0.025	
<i>GSTZ1</i>	GG	22	10.155	2.98	17.32	0.008	0.039
rs3177427	AG_AA	22	1.384	-3.73	6.50	0.577	
<i>GSTZ1</i>	CC	29	3.256	-0.96	7.48	0.125	0.733
rs1046428	CT_TT	14	-5.371	-18.49	7.75	0.383	
<i>CYP1A2</i>	AA	20	6.288	2.61	9.97	0.002	0.886
rs762551	AC_CC	21	2.899	-5.61	11.41	0.482	
<i>CYP2D6</i>	GG	32	4.958	0.74	9.17	0.023	0.558
rs3892097	AG	11	7.111	-7.59	21.81	0.290	
<i>APEX1</i>	TT	17	9.456	3.30	15.61	0.006	0.016
rs11304009	GT_GG	27	-2.457	-9.39	4.47	0.471	
<i>ERCC2</i>	TT	17	9.999	2.02	17.97	0.018	0.092
rs13181	GT_GG	27	2.660	-1.38	6.70	0.186	
<i>OGG1</i>	CC	28	5.760	1.14	10.37	0.017	0.727
rs1052133	CG/GG	16	2.608	-7.36	12.57	0.579	
<i>XRCC1</i>	GG	16	4.531	-1.77	10.83	0.143	0.674
rs25487	AG_AA	28	6.181	1.04	11.32	0.020	

^aThe *p*-value for each stratum evaluates statistical significance of the effect of exposure among subjects with the given genotype. The *p*-value for interaction evaluates whether the effect of exposure differs between two genotypes or grouped genotypes.

Supplemental Material, Table 2. Interaction between the effect of exposure to bromoform on micronuclei in exfoliated cells from urine in relation to polymorphisms in genes associated with metabolism of DBPs or with DNA repair

Gene	Genotypes	Number subjects	Beta-coefficient	95%CI		<i>p</i> -value for each genotype ^a	<i>p</i> -value interaction ^a
<i>GSTT1</i>	-/-	10	-5.189	-48.63	38.25	0.780	0.699
	-/+_+/+	23	1.732	-11.14	14.61	0.781	
<i>GSTT2B</i>	-/-_ -/+	26	-0.054	-12.45	12.34	0.993	0.387
	+/+	7	-1.419	-59.90	57.06	0.943	
<i>GSTM1</i>	-/-	12	-23.145	-50.45	4.16	0.086	0.004
	-/+_+/+	21	8.108	-2.07	18.29	0.111	
<i>CYP2E1</i> rs2070673	TT	21	10.546	0.90	20.19	0.034	0.068
	AT_AA	10	-11.492	-41.07	18.09	0.378	
<i>CYP2E1</i> rs915906	TT	22	11.618	2.45	20.79	0.016	0.021
	CT/CC	9	-23.161	-52.44	6.11	0.098	
<i>CYP2E1</i> rs915907	CC	22	12.107	-1.32	25.53	0.074	0.366
	CA_AA	9	9.762	-12.32	31.85	0.321	
<i>CYP2E1</i> rs2515641	CC	25	7.584	-3.21	18.38	0.159	0.842
	CT	6	-10.963	-23.57	1.64	0.065	
<i>CYP2E1</i> rs2249695	CC	21	10.546	0.90	20.19	0.034	0.068
	CT_TT	10	-11.492	-41.07	18.09	0.378	
<i>GSTZ1</i> rs3177427	GG	19	-0.176	-19.36	19.01	0.985	0.521
	AG_AA	12	8.657	-5.62	22.93	0.200	
<i>GSTZ1</i> rs1046428	CC	20	5.788	-5.65	17.22	0.299	0.138
	CT_TT	11	21.132	-7.55	49.82	0.125	
<i>CYP1A2</i> rs762551	AA	15	6.238	-8.45	20.93	0.373	0.452
	AC_CC	16	13.721	-5.57	33.01	0.147	
<i>CYP2D6</i> rs3892097	GG	23	11.135	0.44	21.83	0.042	0.394
	AG	7	-5.176	-48.69	38.34	0.730	
<i>APEX1</i> rs11304009	TT	10	6.778	-4.64	18.19	0.197	0.317
	GT_GG	21	1.555	-19.82	22.93	0.880	
<i>ERCC2</i> rs13181	TT	13	1.693	-26.50	29.89	0.895	0.146
	GT_GG	18	12.883	3.48	22.29	0.011	
<i>OGG1</i> rs1052133	CC	20	4.112	-7.17	15.40	0.451	0.095
	CG/GG	11	29.044	-3.13	61.21	0.070	
<i>XRCC1</i> rs25487	GG	14	14.641	4.66	24.62	0.008	0.157
	AG_AA	17	-5.626	-25.28	14.03	0.547	

^aThe *p*-value for each stratum evaluates statistical significance of the effect of exposure among subjects with the given genotype. The *p*-value for interaction evaluates whether the effect of exposure differs between two genotypes or grouped genotypes.

Supplemental Material, Table 3. Interaction between the effect of exposure to bromoform on urine mutagenicity in relation to polymorphisms in genes associated with metabolism of DBPs or with DNA repair

Gene	Genotypes	Number subjects	Beta-coefficient	95%CI		<i>p</i> -value for each genotype ^a	<i>p</i> -value interaction ^a
<i>GSTT1</i>	-/-	14	1.902	-4.15	7.96	0.500	0.112
	-/+_+/+	26	7.590	2.97	12.21	0.003	
<i>GSTT2B</i>	-/-_+/+	30	6.296	1.34	11.25	0.015	0.410
	+/+	10	2.806	-3.19	8.81	0.296	
<i>GSTM1</i>	-/-	18	6.066	0.92	11.21	0.024	0.734
	-/+_+/+	22	4.679	-1.58	10.94	0.134	
<i>CYP2E1</i>	TT	22	6.893	0.74	13.04	0.030	0.341
rs2070673	AT_AA	15	3.010	-2.93	8.95	0.288	
<i>CYP2E1</i>	TT	22	5.844	1.83	9.86	0.007	0.381
rs915906	CT/CC	14	3.142	-3.95	10.23	0.347	
<i>CYP2E1</i>	CC	27	4.865	-0.85	10.58	0.091	0.986
rs915907	CA_AA	11	5.375	-5.07	15.82	0.263	
<i>CYP2E1</i>	CC	29	5.529	1.10	9.96	0.017	0.609
rs2515641	CT	9	2.881	-9.74	15.51	0.583	
<i>CYP2E1</i>	CC	21	7.332	2.78	11.88	0.003	0.083
rs2249695	CT_TT	17	2.457	-2.71	7.62	0.323	
<i>GSTZ1</i>	GG	21	3.478	-1.78	8.74	0.181	0.213
rs3177427	AG_AA	17	8.697	2.02	15.37	0.015	
<i>GSTZ1</i>	CC	24	6.523	1.86	11.18	0.009	0.708
rs1046428	CT_TT	13	-2.092	-18.87	14.68	0.784	
<i>CYP1A2</i>	AA	17	5.183	-2.48	12.84	0.168	0.274
rs762551	AC_CC	19	10.293	3.04	17.54	0.009	
<i>CYP2D6</i>	GG	26	4.800	1.40	8.20	0.008	0.810
rs3892097	AG	11	3.342	-9.75	16.44	0.565	
<i>APEX1</i>	TT	15	4.709	-3.14	12.55	0.213	0.543
rs11304009	GT_GG	23	0.447	-4.44	5.34	0.850	
<i>ERCC2</i>	TT	16	2.253	-4.05	8.55	0.451	0.121
rs13181	GT_GG	22	8.454	3.04	13.87	0.004	
<i>OGG1</i>	CC	24	5.563	0.68	10.44	0.028	0.630
rs1052133	CG/GG	14	0.473	-4.72	5.67	0.843	
<i>XRCC1</i>	GG	15	8.835	3.62	14.05	0.003	0.073
rs25487	AG_AA	23	2.431	-2.89	7.76	0.351	

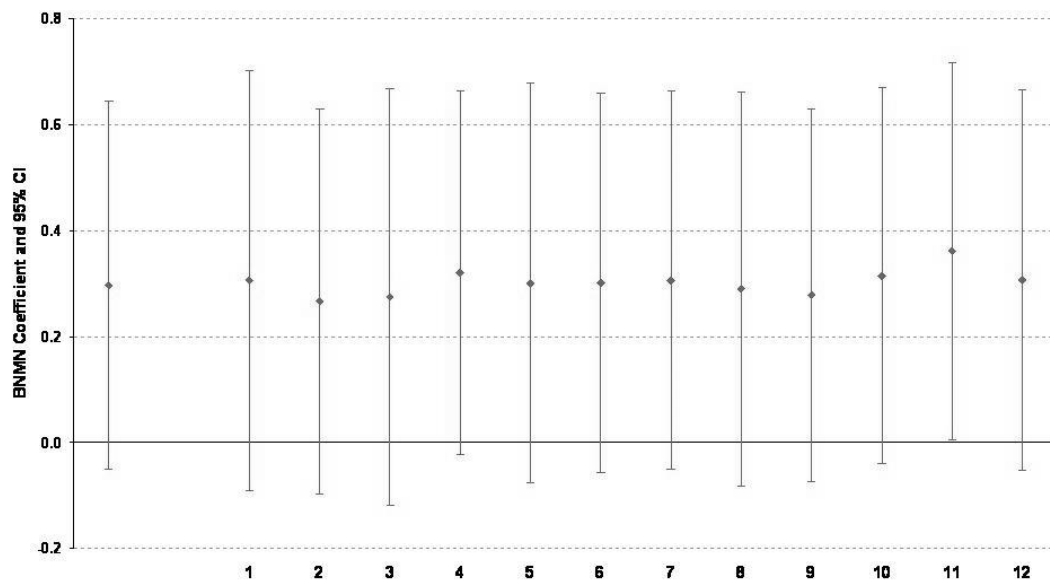
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Supplemental Material, Table 4. Interaction between the effect of exposure to bromoform on the comet assay in relation to polymorphisms in genes associated with metabolism of DBPs or with DNA repair

Gene	Genotypes	Number subjects	Beta-coefficient	95%CI		<i>p</i> -value for each genotype ^a	<i>p</i> -value interaction ^a
<i>GSTT1</i>	-/-	16	-0.043	-0.81	0.72	0.905	0.468
	-/+_+/+	30	-0.433	-1.25	0.38	0.285	
<i>GSTT2B</i>	-/-_+/+	35	-0.402	-1.18	0.37	0.299	0.437
	+/+	11	0.117	-0.71	0.94	0.748	
<i>GSTM1</i>	-/-	22	0.312	-0.64	1.27	0.500	0.065
	-/+_+/+	24	-0.629	-1.35	0.96	0.085	
<i>CYP2E1</i>	TT	27	-0.308	-1.10	0.49	0.430	0.347
rs2070673	AT_AA	16	0.048	-1.34	1.44	0.941	
<i>CYP2E1</i>	TT	28	-0.394	-1.03	0.24	0.215	0.330
rs915906	CT/CC	14	-0.108	-2.24	2.02	0.912	
<i>CYP2E1</i>	CC	30	0.391	-0.50	1.28	0.374	0.191
rs915907	CA_AA	14	-0.846	-1.65	-0.04	0.042	
<i>CYP2E1</i>	CC	35	-0.303	-0.94	0.34	0.343	0.707
rs2515641	CT	9	0.781	-1.96	3.52	0.497	
<i>CYP2E1</i>	CC	25	-0.305	-1.10	0.49	0.436	0.613
rs2249695	CT_TT	19	-0.124	-1.08	0.83	0.786	
<i>GSTZ1</i>	GG	22	-0.227	-1.16	0.71	0.617	0.637
rs3177427	AG_AA	22	-0.496	-1.48	0.49	0.303	
<i>GSTZ1</i>	CC	29	-0.348	-1.11	0.41	0.357	0.420
rs1046428	CT_TT	14	0.668	-1.85	3.19	0.567	
<i>CYP1A2</i>	AA	20	-0.513	-1.43	0.41	0.256	0.139
rs762551	AC_CC	21	0.753	-0.62	2.13	0.264	
<i>CYP2D6</i>	GG	32	-0.515	-1.12	0.09	0.094	0.062
rs3892097	AG	11	1.251	0.07	2.43	0.041	
<i>APEX1</i>	TT	17	-0.348	-1.32	0.62	0.452	0.210
rs11304009	GT_GG	27	0.353	-0.77	1.48	0.522	
<i>ERCC2</i>	TT	17	0.241	-0.73	1.21	0.601	0.378
rs13181	GT_GG	27	-0.295	-1.02	0.43	0.408	
<i>OGG1</i>	CC	28	-0.159	-0.79	0.47	0.605	0.394
rs1052133	CG/GG	16	-1.058	-3.04	0.92	0.267	
<i>XRCC1</i>	GG	16	-0.573	-1.51	0.37	0.209	0.171
rs25487	AG_AA	28	0.094	-0.65	0.84	0.797	

^aThe *p*-value for each stratum evaluates statistical significance of the effect of exposure among subjects with the given genotype. The *p*-value for interaction evaluates whether the effect of exposure differs between two genotypes or grouped genotypes.

Supplemental Material, Figure 1. Association between total THMs in exhaled breath and changes in the formation of micronuclei when adjusting for age and sex (main model) or additionally adjusting for 12 other variables ($n = 49$ subjects)^a.



^aAll models include age and sex. Models 1 to 12 include also the following variables: Model 1 water consumption, 2 source of water, 3 antioxidant intake from diet, 4 swimming at least once per month, 5 number of laps during experiment (an indication of physical activity), 6 leisure physical activity at least once per week, 7 self-reported work exposure to chemical, physical or biological agents, 8 exposure to second-hand smoke, 9 use of permanent hair dyes, 10 shower before the experiment, 11 leisure time physical activity last 24 h, 12 vitamins last 24 h.